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Buffalo VA ranks high for cardiac care

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People who have served in the military should not overlook VA WNY Healthcare System to get their health care. Cardiac care is one of the many specialties offered to veterans in Western New York.

The Buffalo facility, located at 3495 Bailey Avenue is where veterans from VA Healthcare Network of Upstate New York (Albany to Buffalo) are referred for their cardiac care. This center of excellence for cardiac care is leading health care with the latest techniques and equipment. VA is on the cutting edge of technology with a state of the art Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory with surgeons use the latest minimally invasive cardiac surgical procedures.

Cardiac catheterization services have been available for elective and 24 hour emergency cardiac catheterization at VA for many years. State of the art digital technology, electrophysiology, which diagnoses and treats heart rhythm abnormalities are some of the features offered.

Services available include diagnostic cardiac catheterization, pressure wire to assess

functional flow reserve, coronary stenting, intravascular ultrasound, implantation of various devices, electrophysiology studies, ablation procedures, intra-aortic balloon pump insertion, and peripheral vascular procedures.

"Our talented cardiac team of professionals offers our nation's heroes the highest quality of care using the latest equipment and procedures," stated Miguel Rainstein, Acting Chief of Staff.

The two Cardiac Surgeons, Dr. Carlos Li and Dr. Mark Awolesi bring the highest level of surgical care to our veterans. The team performs approximately 200 cardiac surgery cases per year. This includes highly complex procedures. The newest technologies are available, including radiofrequency ablation of atrial fibrillation, minimally invasive valve surgery, and

minimally invasive endoscopic vein harvesting. This provides the highest quality of care and modern technologies for our nation's heroes. The program ranks consistently as one of the top VAs in the nation with customer satisfaction very high due to the excellent quality of care.

Our intervention cardiologist, Dr. Herbert Young and his team are equally as talented in providing cardiac catheterization and coronary artery stenting.

